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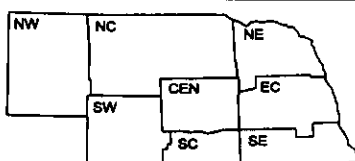
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WEATHER

The week was cool and dry. Temperatures averaged one to six degrees below normals for the week. Little or no precipitation fell across the State.

GENERAL

Favorable fall harvest weather last week enabled many producers to nearly complete their harvest and proceed with fall tillage operations, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Less than 5% of the corn crop remained to be combined as of Sunday, while soybean and sorghum harvest were nearly complete. Stalk lodging continued to cause the remaining crop acres to be difficult to harvest. Elevators continued to pile grain outside in emergency storage. Other farm activities included applying fertilizer, fencing stalks, marketing grain, and livestock care.

CROPS (Cont.)

Corn for grain harvest progressed to 96% complete. This is slightly ahead of 95% last year and 90% average. Harvest was least advanced in the Panhandle with 89% combined as of Sunday.

Soybean harvest was virtually complete with 99% combined as of Sunday, behind 100% last year and average.

Sorghum grain harvest rated 97% complete by end of the week, ahead of 93% last year and 96% average.

Winter wheat condition rated 4% poor, 25% fair, 63% good and 8% excellent.

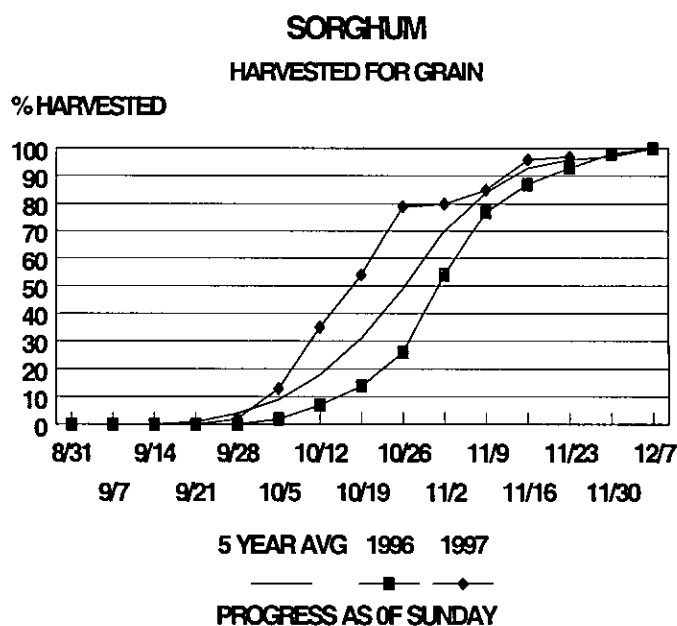
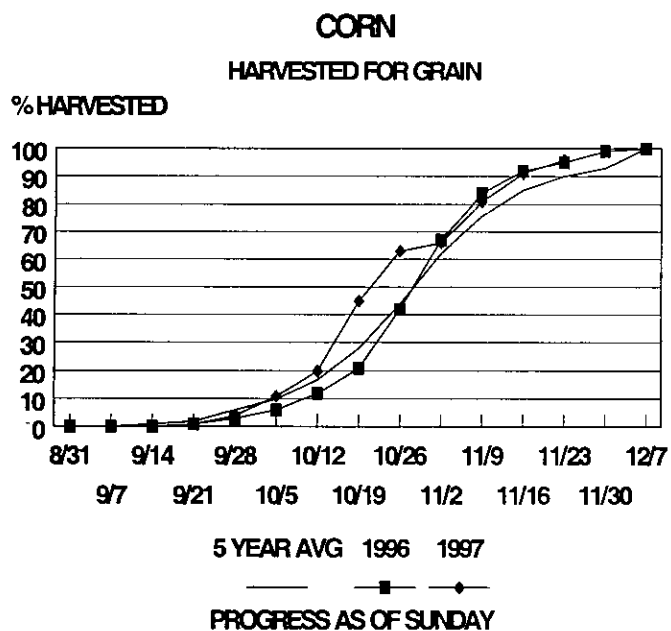
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Producer activities included weaning calves and moving cows to stalk fields. Some reports indicated that there were concerns of cattle over-eating due to the above normal amounts of grain on the ground in some fields.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 23, 1997	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	89	94	97	97	97	92	97	98	96	91	95	90
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	100	100	99	98	100	99	99	99	97	100	100
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	99	100	99	99	97	95	98	97	96	93	96
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 21, 1997												
Days suitable	7 0	6 8	6 1	6 7	6 9	6 9	7 0	6 8	6 8	5 9	1 8	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
(Percent) - Short	7	5	23	3	1	16	8	2	8	10	7	
- Adequate	92	93	75	92	98	82	91	85	89	84	72	
- Surplus	0	2	2	5	1	2	1	13	3	6	21	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	6	1	1	0	
(Percent) - Short	9	6	23	8	6	27	16	27	15	15	6	
- Adequate	91	90	73	91	93	69	84	54	81	82	88	
- Surplus	0	3	3	1	1	3	0	13	3	2	6	

n/a = not available

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TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1997

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	52	3	34	---	0
	Scottsbluff	50	3	32	-3	T
	Sidney	50	7	33	---	0
NC	Valentine	53	-11	30	-2	T
NE	Norfolk	58	3	31	-3	0
	Sioux City	54	0	29	-6	T
CEN	Grand Island	58	8	35	-1	0
	Ord	58	8	33	---	0
EC	Lincoln	60	7	33	-4	T
	Omaha	55	10	33	-4	0
SW	Imperial	58	7	35	---	0
	North Platte	58	1	32	-2	0